

Andrew Jackson to Francis Preston Blair, August 30, 1834, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

TO FRANCIS P. BLAIR.

Hermitage, August 30, 1834.

My dear sir, your letter of the 18th instant is just recd. which I have read, with much pleasure, P.S. and all, and am happy to hear that all my friends are in the land of the living and altho some have been sick, all have, and are recovering. My own health is improving and I shall leave here for Washington by the 8th proximo, if my dear Sarah's health be restored by that time so that I can leave her. She has had a severe attack and been confined to her bed for eight days. She is much better this morning and Dr. Hogg says no danger to be apprehended from present symptoms, but she is and has been in very low spirits, her dear little boy and daughter constantly in her mind, and she will nurse the son occasionally, and in this, she is obliged to be indulged, but indeed he is a Hercules, and feeds well, will swallow a large spoonful of pap at once, but must be nursed at night to put him to sleep, and she will not consent that this shall be done by any but herself, but I trust in a kind providence that she will soon be up and restored to health. My little pet Rachel, since the confinement of Sarah has become quite attached to me. She is indeed an interesting child. I take her once a day to see her dear mama, she kisses her and calls then for her nurse which she calls Mamee, and goes away cheerfull—to see a mothers anxiety on a sick bed for the infant at the breast is truly distressing.

You will see from the papers and the addresses to me, that neither *the Bank*, or a *Bank*, has any real resting place in Tennessee and in fact as soon as the Gold circulates

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freely amongst the people all Banks will become unpopular with them, and the Banking business will be confined, where it ought, to the commercial world.

I have but this sheet of paper until I send to Town. Therefore I must request you to present to Major Lewis my respects, and assure him I will answer his letter just recd. when I get paper. To all the heads of Departments, to Kendall, to Mr. Tany and their families and all friends present me kindly and to Mr. Earl, if he has returned from putting down the charleston mob, and tho last I assure not least in our affections present Sarah and Andrew's, and my affectionate regards to yr amiable Lady and family and believe me yr friend

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TO B. F. CURREY AND H. MONTGOMERY.1

1 Copy. Currey and Montgomery were respectively emigration and enrolling agents for the Cherokees, whom it was desired to remove from Georgia to the region west of the Mississippi, later known as Indian Territory.

Hermitage, September 3, 1834.

I have just been advised by Mr. Hardwick from the cherokee country, that Walker has been shot, Ridge and other chiefs in favour of emigration, and you as the agent of the U. States Govern't threatened with death. The Government of the U.S. has promised them protection, *it will perform its obligations* to a tittle. On the receipt of this, notify John Ross² and his council, that we will hold them answerable for every Murder committed by his people on the emigrants or emigrating party, and the agent is hereby required with you, to enter upon the inquiry and take depositions to prove upon the perpetrator or perpetrators the fact of the intended Murder, their advisors, aiders and abettors, and have them dealt with as the law directs. You and the agent will cause to be apprehended all persons who have made threats against any of the Chiefs of the emigrating party or against yourself and have them kept in close confinement until they give security to keep the peace. On

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the application of Governor Carroll of Tennessee, for the aid of the Military to aid the civil authority, it will be yielded to him. You will therefore advise him as well as the Secretary of War of all and every danger that may be threatened. The Civil power is competent to protect the honest citizen and to punish civil discord and murder, and you may assure Mr. John Ross and his coadjutors that it will perform its duty.

2 Indian Chief, delegate of the Cherokees.